(e) whether Government also propose to make sale of these forms through post offices as it was in the past; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The revised sale price of EA(P)1 form for passport is Rs. 10/- and of EA(P)2 form for miscellaneous services Rs. 5/-. These forms were introduced over a span of time beginning from June 1991 in Passport Offices. Prices of forms were revised upward due to increase in number of pages in EA(P)1 and increase in distribution costs.

(c) No, Sir. Forms are being sold from two counters.

(d) No, Sir. Forms are being sold at Passport Office Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi from 10 AM to 1 PM and from 2 PM. to 3 PM. Thereafter officials concerned are details on other duties.

(e) and (f) Possibility of sale of forms through Post Offices is being explored.

Bilateral talks with Soviet and Russian leaders

966. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had discussion with Soviet and Russian leaders during the third week of November at Moscow; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTE ROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yets, Sir.

(b) During his visit to Moscow EAM mett and held details discussions with President Gorbachev of the USSR, President Yeltsin of the Russian Federation, Chairman Silayev, Head of the Inter-Republican Economic Committee, former Soviet Minister of External Relations Boris Pankin, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Y. T. Gaidar, and Russian Foreign Minister Kozyrev. EAM was assured that the USSR stands by all its commitments to India. This was confirmed by President Yeltsin.

It has been agreetd that a high level multi-disciplineary group from India will visit Mascow next month to meet their counterparts both from the USSR and the Russion Federation with a view to discussing and resolving difficulties that have arisen in different sectors of co-operation.

Inclusion of representatives of SCs/STs and Minorities in the Selections Boards/ Committees

967. MAUANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of EBTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the instructions of Government of India of August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SCs/STs and Ministers in the Selection Committes/Boards have beten implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations under his Ministry where the instructions have have implemented;

(c) what are the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taekn by Government/Institutions in this regard?

THE MINISTE ROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir, the instructions of August 16, 1990 relating to the incusion of a member of Scheduled Caste/Tribe and Minority Community in Selection Committees/Boards for recruitment of Groups